

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A method for pretreating a sample, which contains various lipoproteins, prior to measuring cholesterol existing in specific one of said lipoproteins in said sample, which comprises causing an enzyme, which acts upon free cholesterol as a substrate, and a reaction accelerator, which is selected from flufenamic acid, mefenamic acid, 2,2',6',2"-terpyridine, tiglic acid, fusidic acid, betamethasone acetate, monensin and mevinolin, to act upon said sample to convert only said free cholesterol in advance under conditions that said lipoproteins remain substantially unchanged.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A method for quantitating cholesterol existing in a specific lipoprotein in a sample, which comprises causing cholesterol dehydrogenase, which acts upon free cholesterol as a substrate, to act upon said sample with said lipoprotein contained therein to convert only said free cholesterol under conditions that said lipoproteins remain substantially unchanged; and then measuring said cholesterol, which exists in said specific lipoprotein, by using a substance which acts upon said specific lipoprotein only.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A method for quantitating cholesterol existing in a specific lipoprotein in a sample, which comprises causing an enzyme, which acts upon free cholesterol as a substrate, and a reaction accelerator, which is selected from the flufenamic

acid, mefenamic acid, 2,2',6',2''-terpyridine, tiglic acid, fusidic acid, betamethasone acetate, monesin ~~or~~ and mevinlin, to act upon said sample with said lipoprotein contained therein to convert only said free cholesterol under conditions that said lipoproteins remain substantially unchanged; and then measuring said cholesterol, which exists in said specific lipoprotein, by using a substance which acts upon said specific lipoprotein only.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A quantitation method according to claim 4, wherein said specific lipoprotein is high density lipoprotein.

Claims 8-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): A pretreatment method according to claim 2, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): A quantitation method according to claim 5, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase and/or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A quantitation method according to claim 5, wherein said specific lipoprotein is high density lipoprotein.

Claims 41-42 (canceled).

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Claim 43 (Previously Presented): A method for quantitating free cholesterol in a sample which contains various lipoproteins, which comprises conducting a cholesterol oxidase reaction in said sample in the presence of a reaction accelerator selected from flufenamic acid, mefenamic acid, 2,2',6',2"-terpyridine, tiglic acid, fusidic acid, betamethasone acetate, monensin and mevinolin, and then measuring said free cholesterol.

Claims 44-45 (Canceled).

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Non-elected Claims 8-35, 41 and 42, and rejected Claims 44 and 45, have been Canceled.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 38-40, and 43 will be pending in the application.